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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED PROBLEM OF UGANDA WITH FCO DEPUTY HEAD EAST AFRICA DEPT (PETER ROSLING). THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN STATUS OF RELATIONS SINCE LAST DISCUSSED, AND MUCH-PUBLICIZED STANSTED FLIGHTS HAVE BEEN CONTINUING FOR LEGAL REASONS (CHICAGO CONVENTION, ETC.) AS REPORTED REFTEL, DESPITE OCCASIONAL CRITICISM, BUT LEGAL WORK ON THIS IS CONTINUING. FCO IS SENDING SUMMARY OF BRITISH RELATIONS WITH UGANDA TO BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON FOR TRANSMITTAL TO DEPARTMENT.

2. EMBOFF ALSO RAISED SUBJECT OF CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR UK NATIONALS. WHILE HMG POSITION IS ESSENTIALLY THAT DESCRIBED TO DEPT BY EMBASSY WASHINGTON, ROSLING ADMITTED THAT SHOULD AN EMERGENCY ARISE, THE FOREIGN OFFICE WOULD BE EXPECTED TO DO SOMETHING. HE WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH DEPTOFFS BAKER AND WAUCHOPE SHOULD THEY BE ABLE TO COME THROUGH LONDON, AND WOULD "DUST OFF" THE OLD UGANDA CONTINGENCY PLANS
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WHICH HE THOUGHT WERE SOMEWHERE ON FILE AND DO A BIT OF RE-THINKING ON THE PROBLEM IN PREPARATION.

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